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"FOR THE MAN BEHIND THE HOE"

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This shows the Field children with their Grandfather Field at his home in Redlands, California. It's hard to tell which enjoyed it most, he or the children. If you will count, you will see there are some extra there. They are my sister's three children and my brother's little girl. Our two oldest girls, Faith and Hope, are not in the picture.

Yes, since last Seed Sense we have all been to California and back again.

You see John Henry had never seen his grandfather who lives at Redlands, California, and we thot it was about time they had a visit, and the rest of us had to go along to take care of John Henry.

Yes, we all went, all but Frank who is married and couldn't leave his work and his wife. There were 11 of us went, 9 children and their mother and myself. It made quite a party and took some money for the bunch of tickets too. We filled two sections and a state room on the pullman, but the children didn't stay in their places much of the time except at night. They were all over the train and the porter had to round them up on the station platform at the stops.

We got along fine though, and had no trouble of any kind. We went by way of the Union Pacific through Omaha, Ogden, Salt Lake and Barstow and came back by the Santa Fe through Arizona, New Mexico and Kansas.

We made a flying trip and were gone only 17 days in all. We were in California 12 days and about two days and a half on the road each way. We spent most of the time visiting with my father and mother at Redlands as that was what we went for. We also visited a sister there and my brother, S. E. Field Jr., who has an olive ranch at El Toro, about 75 miles farther southwest.

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An Illinois Boy

"Dear Sir: I take pleasure in writing you a few lines as I have thought for so long I would do. I guess you remember about me ordering seeds from you this spring. I have a Field seed garden. It is just fine, all except the parsnips. My Everbearing strawberry plants all lived and and are doing fine. There are lots of them. I counted 19 on one plant and several more joints to take root, so please write and let me know when is the best time to set them. How is little John Henry getting along? Fine, I hope. Enclosed is the picture of my little Willard Thomas."

—Mrs. W. T. Adams, Duquoin, Ill.

☞ **To the Fellow Who Swipes This Seed Sense: If you are guilty, don't say anything about it, but just drop us a card giving name and address of owner and we will send him another. He'll think it's his old copy just getting back.**

Likes Field's Daisy The Best

"We like 'Field's Daisy best and Daddy said it sold better too. The large round melons are Perfection and the long one is a banana melon. The others are just muskmelons, I guess, but they are all fine and sweet and Daddy has sol $50 out of our patch besides we have had all we could eat. The melons were planted Good Friday and we had the first ones ripe around here, and our vines are still putting on little ones. We did not weigh any of the larger ones but sold them for 35c each, the other Perfection for 25c, and the Field's Daisy 15c each and the others brought from 10c to 25c. Daddy said he was going to have a big patch of the Field's Daisy several acres next year, as the customers who bought them once would take nothing else next time and all agreed they were the sweetest melons they ever tasted.'

—Virginia G. Bourland, Blytheville, Ark.

Norseman Cabbage in Oklahoma

"I thought I would write you a few lines about your Norseman cabbage, of which I planted one acre this spring, and altho we haven't had a good soaking rain since we planted it in March, it is still heading up in spite of the hot winds. We have had no rain to speak of since June over a year ago, and we had to plant the plants in lister furrows in order to get moisture enough to start them. Next year, I expect to have twenty acres in garden, under irrigation, and will put in about 6 acres of Norseman cabbage."

—O. E. Cox, Woodward, Okla.

Picking Peas For Dinner

"Mr. Henry Field: We are sending you a picture of my wife and myself picking peas. They are seven feet high this year and are hanging full of the GIBSON PEAS. We think they are the best that grows and we hope that you have good success with them. I will also send you a picture of myself and dog working in our carrot patch. We bought the seed of you and they are sure all O. K. and we never planted seed that came any better. They are Danvers Half Long. We are well pleased with all the seed we got of you."

—Jas. S. Gibson, Port Orchard, Wash.

Everbearing Strawberries, Garden And Flower Seeds

"Dear Sir: Sometime ago I sent you an order for garden and flower seeds and plants, and received them in good order, and thought you might be interested in knowing what success I had with them. The strawberry plants have done wonderfully well. We have never thought we had any room for the plants, but last spring I hunted a new piece of ground that had never been spaded up, and decided strawberry plants would look as well there as grass and some weeds that always persisted in growing. So we made a bed there. It requires an effort to pick off the nice blossoms, but, with an eye to future results, we have sacrificed the most of them. We let just a dozen or so of the berries ripen and were much pleased to find the berries were of fine flavor, and by another season we hope to have berries in plenty and we surely will appreciate them."

Laura V. Meek, Canton, Ill.

Everbearing Strawberries are Fine

"Dear Sir: My Everbearing strawberry plants from you set last April are doing fine. Had strawberries to dinner yesterday. Thanking you for your promptness in filling my orders, I remain."

—Ralph Gaines, Metcalf, Ill.

Likes Our Seeds

"Mr. Field: I will write you a few lines to let you know that all the seeds I got of you are doing fine. I think they are the best garden and field seeds that grow. I never will plant any other seed when I can get yours. Field's Seed Sense is a great help to me. Yours truly,"

—G. R. Hardy, Rumley, Ark.

Redhead Tomatoes

"Dear Sir: Last year I purchased a variety of garden seeds from you, among which was 100 Red Head tomato seeds and I wish to say that they are more than you claim for them. For anybody who desired the best in the tomato line, I would advise that they secure some of this seed from you. With best wishes for your success, I am,"

—Russell Branden, Kingman, Kans.

Buckwheat And Garden Seeds

"Dear Sir: I got that Buckwheat all right, and it was as fine seed as I ever saw in my life. I like your garden seeds just fine, and it always makes me feel good to deal with an honest firm. You said I was short on the last order I sent for 25c, so you will find 25c in stamps to pay for same."

—Thos. M. Laswell, Newton, Mo.

Alsike Clover A Good Crop

"Dear Sir: The Alsike will make a good stand I think and all the other seeds were first class. Also, the olive oil is real good. It is a pleasure to do business with you. The weather was cold and wet in the spring, but now, since it got warm, things grow. I saved some of the seed corn from last year, Calico, and you can almost see it grow now. Respectfully yours,"

—J. H. Lotter, Moberly, Mo.

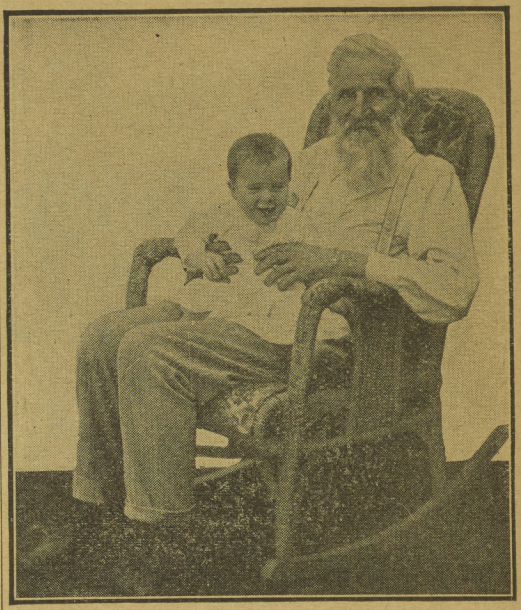
All Seed Including Alfalfa Fine

"Dear Mr. Field: I feel it is my duty to write you a letter as all of you customers do. Your seeds are just positively fine. I raised many a gallon of beans from your 3 quarts of beans which I bought from you. I planted every free sample of seed you sent me and it sure does fine. From your free watermelon seeds you sent me I raised some melons weighing over 40 lbs. Your Alfalfa seed is the best of them all. I got a little patch of Alfalfa from which I gathered in two years a cup full of seed. I have given many a help to my friends in telling them about Henry Field's seeds. I can recommend your seeds highly and will do all I can to my friends in recommending your seed distribution. I wish you much success."

—Edwin Hoffman, Marion, Texas.

Woman's Rights in California

I took this picture on a big seed ranch where they were threshing radish seed, hauling it from the windrow to the machine. The labor there is practically all Jap and usually about one-third of them are women. They work right along with the men everywhere, do the same work and get the same pay. This Jap woman was pitching in the field and was keeping her row a little ahead of the man all the way.



John Henry and His Grandfather Field

Although there is about 83 years difference in their ages they are lots alike in their ways. Both are always busy, good natured and contented. sleep well and eat three square meals a day. And just about sums up the secret of a long and happy life for anyone, big or little.

This shows my father's home in Redlands, with some of the children and grandchildren sitting visiting on the porch of a Sunday afternoon. The big palm leaf that shows across the front of the house in the picture is a Date Palm. The vine over the porch is English Ivy.

We Go to California--Continued

Also I got time for a short visit with some of the seed growers who grow lima beans and onion and lettuce and carrot and sweet pea seed for us out there on the Pacific coast.

Of course we had to go to the seacoast too, so we spent a day or rather parts of two days at Catalina Island. It is an island about 27 miles off the coast in the Pacific ocean from San Pedro, and is a lovely place. If you ever go to California, go and see it.

The first thing everybody asks us in "How do you like California?"

Well it's a nice country but I don't like it near so well as Iowa. I suppose thats only natural for I have always lived in Iowa, but really I tried to be impartial and look at it as if I were hunting for a new place to live, but I couldn't make it look as good as Iowa to me.

I suppose if I lived there a while I would get enthusiastic about it. I found hundreds of Iowa and Kansas and Missouri and Nebraska people tnere and they all seemed happy and they were all boosters for California and looked like they would take a leg off of me if I dared say a word against the climate.

I guess if you want to see what it is like you will have to go and see for yourself, for my opinion must be wrong for I was in a hopeless minority out there. But anyway, Iowa is plenty good enough for me, and the finest thing I saw while I was gone was the corn fields I saw in Kansas on the way back.

Of course it was all very new and interesting to the children. They had been to Colorado two or three times, so the mountains were nothing new to them, but they had never been over the range, and the deserts and the sagebrush and the orange groves and the palm trees and olives and apricots and a sea shore of California were all new to them. And of course Grandpa and grandma were glad to see them and carried them around on a chip as grandparents always do.

But by the time they had been there a week they begun to be homesick for Iowa and the cornfields and the little houses under the big trees at Manti and wonder if the roasting ears were ready yet, and if the ponies were getting along all right, and if the sweet peas were being picked, and all the rest of it.

The traveling by train was a new experience to them. They have done lots of traveling, but always by auto before. This was their first long train ride. The pullman cars, and porter, and the dining cars, and funny beds that the porter made up and the observation car, and all the rest of it, were a never ending delight to them.

John Henry was the wonder of the trip. He is always good anyway. If there ever was a born gentleman its John Henry. But on this trip he was better than usual. Most people think its awful to take a 7 months old baby on a trip, but he wasn't a mite of trouble. Made friends with everybody, slept sound all night, and never growled about the heat.

In fact the children were all good. If they hadn't been, it would have been a big job traveling with 9 of them.

When we went to the diner I would take three of the children, my wife would take three, and Faith the rest. One woman saw my wife going through the car on her way to the diner, and said "surely you are not traveling with THREE children?" She just about had a fit when she found that it was nine instead of three.

Well it was a great trip, and we saw lots of country and lots of fine sights, and met lots of nice peope, and had a nice visit with the folks, but we were all glad to get back home again.

And when we piled out of the car early in the morning at Shenandoah, and found Mr. Lemon waiting for us with th big auto, and the little truck to haul the luggage, and we climbed in to the auto and I took the wheel, and we beat it out to the home at Manti—well it was worth going all the way to California to get back to it.

H. F.

My Brother and His Wife

This is my brother, S. E. Field, Jr., of El Toro, Calif., and his wife. He is manager of a 120 acre olive ranch there at El Toro and sells canned olives and pure olive oil direct to the consumer. Ships them all over the country. You remember, I told about them in Seed Sense last spring.

A View of Part of our Field of Iris

We have over fifty varieties in our garden by the Seed House. and its the most beautitul sight you ever saw. They were in bloom from sometime in April until the middle of June, and I beleive we must have had hundreds of thousands of them.

The iris deserves to be better known and more extensively grown. I consider it one of the most beautiful and hardy flowers. In the first place it is absolutely hardy; it will grow, and thrive, and bloom in any soil, and in any climate; it will stand any kind of winter, no matter how severe, and will stand any dry summer that will kill almost anything else; it will increase, and multiply, and always looks well, whether in bloom or not.

The few and common varieties of the old-fashioned garden have been increased by flower lovers and scientific plant breeders to a host of beautiful colors and rare beauties. I have in my own private garden over fifty varieties of this beautiful flower, probably of some of the best of them.

Queen of Gypsies. The upper part of the flower is old gold, shaded with smoked pearl, while the outer petals or falls, as they are called, are dark maroon, veined with light yellow. This makes a very striking combination of colors.

Blue Siberian. This belongs to a different family of iris. All the others in this list belong to what is known as the German iris, but the Siberian is different in appearance. It grows quite tall and slender with narrow, grassy foliage, and the flowers are of intense sky blue.

Princess Beatrice (Pallida Dalmattica). The standards of upper petals are fine delicate lavender in color, while the falls are a much deeper shade of lavender. Flowers are very large, extra fine, a superb variety for cut flowers; very scarce and sold at about 50c per plant.

Silver King. A beautiful pearly or silvery white. It is large and tall like Black Prince, but a direct contrast to it in color. The entire flower is all the same color, a beautiful silvery white throughout.

Eldorado. Bright, golden yellow, with a slight veining of crimson on the outer petals. A very free bloomer and the most brilliant thing you ever saw. You can see it clear across the garden and it will be the envy of all your neighbors.

Ruby Queen.—Nearest to a genuine red of any of the iris. Best described as claret red. A very striking color and a very rare color in iris. If you want something different from what your neighbors have, get this red iris.

Prince of Wales. Deep violet blue with a deeper purple color on the lower petals. Very large, intense coloring, free blooming, tall.

Jenny Lind. A beautiful combination of purplish red and pearl in delicate shades.

Orientals. This is somewhat like the siberian iris, and in fact, belongs to that group, but in manner of growth it is more like the German iris. A very deep, striking blue; the bluest thing you ever saw. A rare variety.

Queen of May. A delicate peach blossom pink. Increases slowly and we are sold out on it this year.

Fairy Queen...Most delicate and dainty flower imaginable. Pure white, with a frill or border of lavender.

Black Prince. Large, tall, strong grower. Rich, dark purple in color.

Blue Siberian. This belongs to a different family of iris. It grows quite tall and slender, with narrow, grassy foliage.

White Siberian. Similar to the blue, except in color, which is white.

Sans Souci. Yellow, practically the same as Eldorado.

Velveteen. Purple and old gold. A very striking combination.

Dwarf Pumila. Very early and very dwarf, only about six inches high. Solid purple color.

Dwarf White. Not quite pure white, but a light cream. Very early. Grows about ten inches high.

Berlin. Violet blue throughout.

Celeste. Pale azure blue.

Frederick. Lavender and purple.

White Swan. Creamy white throughout. Very beautiful.

Brittanicus. Blue and lavender.

The National flower of China. Not hardy out of doors in the north, but blooms very

Blue Iris--*Orientals*
Deep blue: bluest of all Iris

easily in the house, in time for Christmas or New Years.

Bismarck. Yellow and brown.
Candicans. Soft, light blue.

Price, any of these varieties, 15c each, 2 for 25c, 4 for 50c, 8 for $1.00. $1.50 per dozen, either all alike or assorted. These will be good, strong plants, guaranteed to live, bloom, and to prove true to name. Prices include delivery by parcel post.

Mixed Iris

We have several rows of iris that are of mixed varieties, where we have planted the odds and ends of named varieties that were left at the end of the season, or where we have planted small lots, of which we did not have enough to pay to keep it on the list of named varieties. Also, sometimes a stake will get knocked down and lost, or the label on the box of plants will get lost. Then they have to go into the mixture. This mixture contains a good assortment of varieties and plants of some of our very finest ones will be found in it. They are increasing fast on us and we want to get them cleaned out, so I am going to make a special offer on them.

SPECIAL OFFER: Mixed varieties of iris, good, strong plants, 3 for 25c, or 90c per dozen.

When to Plant Iris

Iris is one flower that can be planted at any time of the year. I like best to plant it in the fall or in early spring, but really, it can be planted almost any time with a fair chance of success. It is one flower that I have succeeded in moving while it was in bloom, and you know very few outdoor flowers can be moved when they are big and in bloom.

They will grow on practically any soil. We have some on good garden soil, some on a clay fill, where we scraped dirt out of the cellar, some on rich ground and some on poor and they all seem to thrive about alike. We have a row of them along the curb overhanging the pavement and they seem to enjoy it.

Corn and Rape in North Carolina

"Gentlemen: Kindly advise me prices on winter Rye, Wheat, and Vetch. I wish to send some down to my place in North Carolina. I orded some corn and rape seed from you this last spring, which you sent there, and my report received from there, thus far, is that the corn seed sent is just about doubling that or the ordinary Southern seed that was also planted there."

—Stanley A. Foutz, Wagon Mound, N. M.

Big Yield of Rye

"Friend Field: If you remember, I ordered $20.00 worth of seed Rye from you, last fall. Well all of these Missourians said I would not get any Rye because it was wrong to get seed from so far north, that it would not fill if it should grow, but listen, I just threshed my piece of 8 acres and got by weight 186 bu. or 23¼ bu. per acre, and dandy nice Rye too. I got my seed corn from you, and as usual, that was wrong too, but I wish you could see my corn and my neighbors all around me. I will let you know about it later on."

—A. G. Fisher, Harwood, Mo.

Fall Bulbs

The bulbs and flowers listed on these pages are all what is known as fall bulbs. This means not that they bloom in the fall, but that they should be set in the fall. They are all early-blooming flowers, blooming as a rule in March, April, and May, before other flowers come. They should be set out in October or November, either out-of-doors in garden or in pots for house-blooming. Every year when the tulips and hyacinths are in bloom in the spring we get calls for bulbs from people who want to get them out right away, and they are generally surprised when they find that these bulbs can be bot and set only in the fall. Now, remember, if you want a nice bed of tulips and hyacinths, or narcissus, or crocus, or anything of that kind, you must set them in the fall in October or November. You can, however, send in your order at any time during the spring or summer and we will book it for future shipment. When the proper time comes we will send the bulbs to you.

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Will the Dutch Bulbs Get Across

We think they will. The Hollanders think a lot of their bulb business and they are going to make every effort to fill their contracts.

You know of course that these fall bulbs such as Tulips and Hyacinths all come from Holland, new each year. They are grown for us on contract, the list being made up to two years in advance. We have contracts for a carload of these bulbs to be shipped from Holland in August or September.

We have had no definite word yet as to shipment, but the last we heard they were going to come through all right.

One things sure, we will get ours if any one does. If any come they all will come, and if I don't get any there will be none for any one.

Send along your order, and hope for the best, and we will send you the bulbs just as soon as they arrive. If they don't come, we will notify you and return your money. We can take care of you as well as any one can.

A Great Time to Sow Alfalfa

Its the best time to sow alfalfa seed I ever saw. The ground is in good condition everywhere, full of moisture and nice to work. We are selling three times as much alfalfa seed as we ever sold bfore. Partly because of big demand and partly because our price and quality are right.

If you are thinking of sowing alfalfa—and you sure ought to be—now is the time to get busy. There is still time to get it started his fall, and you never will have a better chance. We can make rush shipment of the seed.

Sweet Clover Seed Wanted

We are in the market for sweet clover seed. If you have any to sell or can get any, write how much you will have, enclose an exact sample of the seed, and give your ideas as to price. We will buy it either hulled or unhulled, but it must be free from mixture with weeds or alfalfa seed. The price looks now like about the same as a year ago now, but of course will vary with the quality of the seed.

We also want Sudan seed.

Georgia at the Beach

When we were in California, of course we had to go to the sea coast and the nicest place we could hear of to go to was Catalina Islands, so we went for a couple of days and the children all tried surf bathing, only they didn't go out very far. Of course, they got rolled over by big waves a few times and got their eyes full of salt water and their hair full of sand, but it was great fun. Georgia was as big as anybody or bigger. She's "most 3" now, but she isn't as big as she looks in this picture, although, I think she felt even bigger than she looks there.

Railroad lines throughout the country are in a congested condition and delays in handling freight have resulted. It is expected by railroad officials that these delays will become more pronounced as soon as railroad men and equipment begin leaving for Europe.

We wish, therefore, to suggest that orders for seeds be placed some time in advance of your actual requirements in order to avoid any inconvenience on account of non-delivery of shipmets in time for your seeds.

Henry Field Seed Co.

White Hyacinths. The loveliest of all spring flowers. Can be grown out of doors or in the house and will bloom for any one. The bulbs must be planted in the fall.

Hardy Flowers and Bulbs

You will notice several pages of this issue taken up with a list of hardy flowers and bulbs. These are my favorite flowers, bloom, and always give you your money's worth. hTis is especially true to the fall bulbs, such as tulips, hyacinths, and narcissus. People who have a greenhouse or a conservatory, and a man specially to take care of it, can have everything they want in flowers, but us people, who make garden ourselves and want plenty of flowers to show for it, should depend on these hardy flowers and bulbs, for they are sure to bloom for anyone on any soil and without any special care.

The fall bulbs, which includes tulips, hyacinths, crocus, daffodils, jonquils and narcissus, must be planted in the fall in September, October and November. They absolutely cannot be planted in the spring. They are perfectly hardy outdoors without protection and bloom very early in the spring. Every spring when they are in bloom I get dozens of calls for bulbs, but fall is absolutely the only time they can be bought or planted.

Grape Hyacinths

Not a true hyacinths, but a nice little early flower growing something like a hyacinth, only smaller. Very hardy. Blue and white colors. 3c each, 4 for 10c, 12 for 30c.

Hyacinths

These are probably the best known and best loved of all the Dutch bulbs. The bulbs we sell are grown in Holland. We import our supply from a grower there every fall. Bulbs grown in this country deteriorate rapidly and are never satisfactory. They can be grown either outdoors in the yard or in flower pots in the house and are equally successful either way. They are so easily grown, so beautiful, so fragrant, and so bright in color that they are universal favorites. All the varieties, except the French Romans, are perefectly hardy anywhere.

The single hyacinths are by far the best bloomers and the most satisfactory. The double varieties, as a rule, are later, weaker colors and smaller, shorter spikes, often not getting above the leaves. I can supply the double sorts, if you want them, but the single are the best, and are the only ones I list.

Named Varieties of Hyacinths

First size selected bulbs. Will succeed either outdoors or in the house. The varieties named below have been selcted for their distinct coloring and free flowering qualities and are all extra select or first sized bulbs. Prices on any of these as follows: either all alige or sarroted to suit, 12c each, 6f or 60c, or $1.00 per dozen.

Gertrude. Deep rose. Large compact spikes, a splendid and popular variety, as it is a beautiful color and always stands erect.

Gigantea. One of the best blush pink varieties. Very large spike, very closely set flowers.

Roides Belges (King of the Belgians). Brilliant crimson scarlet. A grand sort holding its color better than any other scarlet.

Angenus Christina. Large, pure white, extra fine, specially desirable for growing in the house.

King of the Blues. The finest of the rich blue varieties.

Grand Maitre. Deep porcelaine blue. Very large spike, strong and free growing. One of the best.

Yellow Hammer. Golden yellow. The only satisfactory variety of this color.

Mme. Van der Hoop. Pure white, very large bells. One of the best whites for either indoors or outdoors.

Price, any of the above named sorts 12c each, 3 for 30c, $1.00 per dozen.

About Ruth

Ruth didn't get in this month. She gave Georgia her place. Ruth has a perfectly lovely picture of herself in a Chinese suit I bought for her in Los Angeles, but Georgia wanted to be in this month so Ruth waited till next month.

Tulips

No other flower excels the tulip in beauty of form, brilliancy of color, effective bedding and gorgeous show. They are equally desirable for bedding outdoors or for pot culture in the house. For outdoor bedding the most brilliant effect can be produced by mixing colors which contrast well.

Tulip bulbs must be planted in the fall in September, October or November. They will thrive in any soil that is well drained and in fair condition. They are absolutely hardy anywhere and live in the ground for several years. One planting often makes flowers continuously for four or five years without replanting.

Prize Mixture Single Early Tulips

We pride ourselves in offering the choicest mixture of tulips in this country. Over 200 of the choicest sorts of tulips are used to produce this blending. We give great study to the selecting of varieties that will flower at the same time and grow of even height, in order to produce the most brilliant mass effect. We use but the largest bulbs for this mixture, which is undoubtedly unsurpassed. 12 for 35c, 100 for $2.25.

Prize Mixture Double Early Tulips

A very showy and decorative class, blooming a week or ten days later than the single varieties. Not quite so tall or bright, but have excellent lasting qualities. 12 for 35c, 100 for $2.25.

Early Tulips in Separate Colors

Where special colors are wanted for bedding, I can supply them in either single or double, in colors as follows: Red, white, yellow or pink. 12 for 35c, 100 for $2.25.

Duc Von Thol Tulips

These are dwarf early tulips in bright colors, earliest of all. Grow about 6 inches high and bloom sometimes before the snow is gone, 12 for 35c, 100 for $2.25.

Double Tulips

4c each, 20c for 6, 40c per dozen, $2.50 per 100.

Rubra Maxima. Deep red. Fine for either forcing or outdoors.

Murillo. Extra fine pink. The best double pink tulip grown.

Titian. Red, bordered with yellow.

Alba Maxima. Big double, pure white.

William III. Bright scarlet, large and fine.

La Vertu. Rose and white.

Blanche Hative. Pure white, early.

La Citadella. Red, bordered with yellow.

Joseph Israels. (The Sultan). Mahogany brown.

Tulips, Gayest of all Spring Flowers

Single Early Tulips

4c each, 20c for 6, 40c per dozen, $2.50 per 100.

Artus. Dark scarlet.

Princess Marianne. White shaded rose. Fine bedder.

Yellow Prince. Pure yellow. Possibly the finest yellow for either bedding or forcing.

Duchess de Parma. Red, bordered with orange. Very bright.

Cottage Maid. Rosy pink, striped with white.

La Reine. Pure white, sometimes slightly tinted with rose.

Cramoisie Brilliant. Bright scarlet of large size.

Kaiserkroon. Bright red. Margin yellow. Extra large and fine.

Prince de Ligny. Deep yellow. Long stem, early.

White Swan. Beautiful pure white.

Princess Wilhelmina. Deep pink and white. Large flower, tall growing.

Duc Von Thol. Scarlet. Earliest and dwarfest of all tulips.

Duc Von Thol. Red and yellow. Same as above, but yellow margin.

Arms of Leiden. White, striped with rose.

Named Varieties of Tulips

Our list of named varieties is the most complete in this country, special care being taken to offer only the choicest sorts. All our bulbs have been picked over and are extra size and quality. Price, any of the named varieties, 4c each, 20c for 6, 40c per dozen, $2.50 per 100. Special quotations on larger lots on request.

Darwin Tulips. A fine class of tall, stately tulips. All the rage now. Price, 40c per dozen, 100 for $2.50.

May Flowering or English Tulips

4c each, 20c for 6, 40c per doz., $2.50 per 100

Big, tall tulips, growing from 18 to 24 inches high. Very striking and beautiful.

La Merveille. Salmon rose overlaid with orange red. Very large, sweet-scented blossom.

Golden Crown. Large flowers with pointed petals. Rich yellow color faintly edged with red.

Golden Eagle. Deep yellow.

Parisian Alba. Large pure white.

Darwin Tulips Mixed. Handsome May flowering tulips, something like the balance of this class, but different in form and a distinct and odd coloring. Grow very tall.

Bizzarres. An odd and striking class. The The ground color of the flowers is some shade of yellow, marked or striped with brown or crimson.

Byblooms. White ground, flamed and feathered with rose or violet.

May Flowering. Mixed. A mixture of all the above and many other of these tall, late flowering varieties.

Parrot Tulips. Also called Dragon tulips. Showiest of all. Often 6 inches across and striped and spotted in all kinds of color combinations. I have a fine collection of them. 6 for 20c, 12 for 35c, 100 for $2.25.

Write For Special Prices

On large lots of tulip bulbs in either named sorts, separate colors, or mixtures. We have a big supply of choice bulbs and can make you close prices.

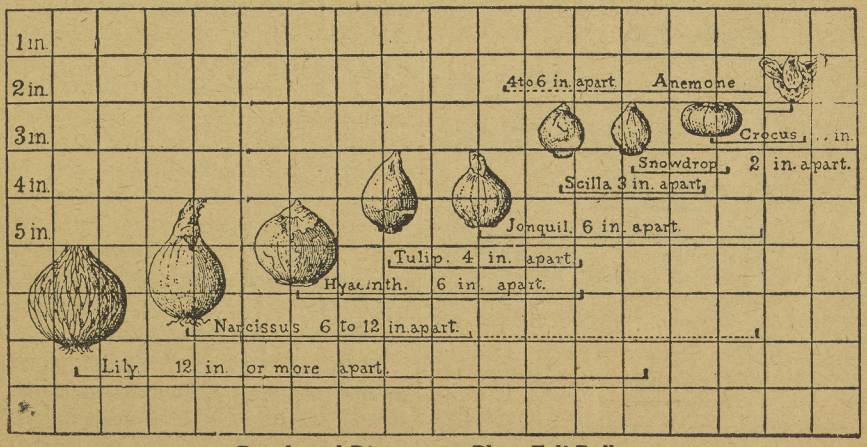
Children always like Tulips

They are so gay in color and they come so quick. Children always like to see quick results. If they plant a seed today they want

it to be growing tomorrow and blooming the next day and that is pretty nearly the way with tulips. Order some for the children now.

All of the so-called dutch bulbs have to be planted in the fall, from September to December. They spend the fall and early winter in making roots, and then early in the spring shoot up into flower very quickly. Any of these can be planted outside in the garden or pots in the house. The drawing given below shows the depth to plant them as soon as you get them in the fall. All are hardy, and will stand the winter freezing and bloom as soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring.

For blooming in the house, plant in ordinary flower pots, but do not cover deeply as you would outdoors. After potting them and watering well put them away in the cellar, where it is damp, and cool and dark, to make roots. This will take from six to ten weeks. Then bring them up to the light, and with warmth and water they will come into bloom very quickly.



Depth and Distance to Plant Fall Bulbs

Chinese Sacred Lily

The National flower of China. Not hardy out of doors in the north, but blooms very easily in the house, in time for Christmas or New Years.

Chinese Sacred Lily

This is a giant narcissus imported from China. It is the national flower of China and is to be seen in their temples. Blooms best in a dish of water without dirt. Blooms very quickly and can be had by Christmas. The bulbs are of enormous size, and each one will often make half a dozen stalks of bloom, with a dozen or more flowers on each. Very fragrant. 20c each, 2 for 35c, 3 for 50c.

Calla Lily

(Calla Ethiopica or Lily of the Nile) large white trumpet shaped flowers of great substance. One of the most popular and ornamental house plants. 25c each, 3 for 65c.

Spanish Iris

A bulbous, hardy iris, that should be planted in the fall like tulips. Colors are very bright, ranging through yellow, blue, purple and white. Entirely different from the German iris or flags. 3c each, 12 for 25c, 25 for 40c, 100 for $1.50.

Crocus

Fine for either pot or garden culture. Perfectly hardy and very early. Blooms often

before the snow is gone. Can be naturalized in the grass, as they bloom before the grass is large enough to mow. Can be had in either mixture or separate colors. Blue, yellow, white, and striped. Either color, 12 for 20c, 25 for 40c, $100 for $1.50. Mixed at the same price.

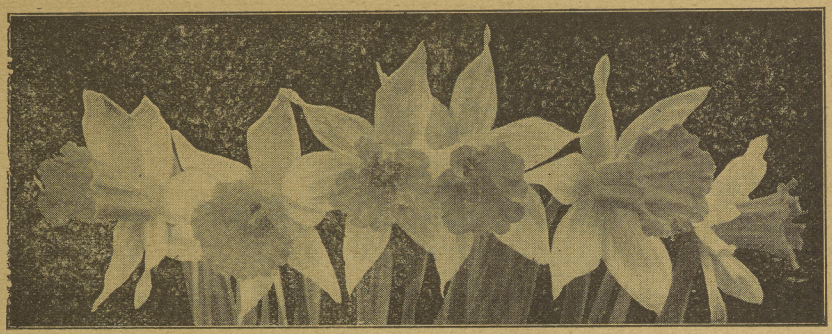
Must Be Set This Fall

Remember, all of these bulbs must be set in the fall to have flowers next spring. Right now would be a good time to make out your order and send it in. The bulbs will be sent to you in plenty of time for planting. So many people forget about the fall planting and write me in the spring wanting some tulips, etc. Send your order this fall while it is fresh in your mind.

Hardy Phlox

These we consider one of the most desirable of hardy flowers. The flower-heads often measure from 7 to 9 inches across. Flowers as large as a silver quarter, and in some cases as large as a half dollar. Comprises all shades from vermillion to white. They do best in a sunny location and rich soil, but are not particular and will do well anywhere. Can be set either fall or spring, but not late in the spring. We have a long list of named varieties, but as very few people are acquainted with named sorts, we sell them mostly by color instead of name. Here are the colors we canf urnish: Pure white, (very fine). White, with red eye. Pink, with red eye. Solid red. Solid pink. Price, 20c each, 2 for 35c, 5 for 65c, $1.25 per dozen, either all alike or assorted colors.

SPECIAL OFFER: Mixed phlox; all fine plants, but not labeled as to color, all good, strong plants and good assortment of colors, 3 for 25c, 6 for 45c, 85c per dozen.



Narcissus or Daffodils

These require much the same culture as tulips, and succeed equally as well. They are the first of all flowers to bloom outdoors by the middle of March. The bulbs should be set in the fall, in any ordinary soil, and being perfectly hardy (except the paper white variety) they are certain to bloom. I handle only the largest size bulbs.

They are fine for naturalizing and will increase from year to year, forming large clumps. Any of these can easily be grown in pots in the house. Handle like hyacinths.

Mixed. All varieties and colors, mostly very early. This includes practically all the varieties grown that are hardy. Fine for wild garden and a fine thing anywhere. 12 for 30c, 25 for 60c, 100 for $2.25.

Barri Conspicuous—Heavily stained orange scarlet. 3c each, 12 for 30c, 25 for 60c, 100 for $2.25.

Emperor—Largest of all. Price, each 5c, 45c per dozen.

Empress—White and yellow trumpet. Price, each 5c, 45c per dozen.

Double Yellow Von Sion—Fine for either house or out-of-doors. Price, each 5c, 45c per dozen.

Paper White Narcissus—Finest of all for house culture. Can be bloomed in water like Chinese Sacred Lily or in dirt like other bulbs. Not hardy out-of-doors. Price, each 4c, 4 for 15c, 40c per dozen.

Poet's Narcissus—Best known of all. White flowers with gold cups, bordered scarlet. Price, each 3c, 35c per dozen, $2.50 per 100.

Jonquils—Either single or double. Similar to narcissus, but very fragrant. Price, each 3c, 35c per dozen.

Similar to the narcissus, but very fragrant. 4c each, 12 for 40c, 25 for 75c, 100 for $2.50.

Lilium Candidum

A tall white garden lily, bearing often 12 to 15 blooms to the stalk. Pure white and very fragrant. 25c each, 3 for 65c.

Easter Lily

Universally known and grown for forcing for Christmas and Easter blooming. The bulbs come from Bermuda and can be had as early as August. They can be potted then or any time later till December. Not hardy out of doors. Large size bulbs. 25c each, 3 for 65c, postpaid.

Freesias

Beautiful white or creamy flower, especially for house culture. Very fragrant. Potted in the fall, will bloom by Christmas. 4c each, 3 for 10c, 12 for 35c, 25 for 65c.

Snowdrops

Dainty little white flowers, blooming very early. 3c each, 12 for 25c.

Scilla or Blue Snowdrops

Like snowdrops, but deep sky blue, the bluest thing you ever saw. Very early and very hardy. 3c each, 4 for 10c, 12 for 25c, 25 for 40c.

Lilium Auratum

(Gold-Banded Lily of Japan)

Grandest of all hardy lilies. Flowers white with maroon spots, and a deep yellow band through each petal. Often six to eight inches across. Plant grow three to six feet high.

This is one of the most beautiful flowers in my collection, and I know that you will be pleased with it. Be sure and include one in your next order. 25c each, 3 for 65c, 12 for $2.25.

Save Sudan for Seed

My advice is to save your Sudan for seed. It will all be needed, possibly not at as high prices as last year, but at profitable prices anyway. My way is to head the bundles and thresh the heads as with kaffir. An ordinary threshing machine will do the business O. K.

I want to buy your seed. Send me a sample, write how much you have and what shape it is in and I will make an offer on your track, we to pay for freight and bags.

H. F.

The Peony

The Flower For the Million and the Millionaire

We grow all our own peonies here at the seed house, and they are a beautiful sight when In bloom. We check them all over when in bloom so as to be sure they are true to name and that the description is correct.

First of all in the list of hardy flowers I would put the peony. It is hardy as an oak, lives for years, and gets better with age. It needs no protection, will grow in any good soil, and has absolutely no diseases or insect enemies. A millionaire could have nothing finer, and no flower will do as well for the common gardener. The plants can be set either in spring or fall, but if set in the spring should be set very early. They will often bloom the first year they are set, and always by the next year. In addition to my already large and fine collection of peonies I added the H. A. Terry collection, which was, in many ways, the finest in the world. Father Terry had spent over fifty years developing the peony, and originated over 300 new varieties, many of them finer than anything heretofore known. After his death I purchased his entire collection and moved it to my own grounds. His varieties are specially noted for bright, clear colors, extreme hardiness and certainty to bloom. The following list is simply a selection of a few good varieties from my collection of over 300 sorts. These are ones that I have chosen as extra good ones, certain to grow and bloom for any one.

There are plenty more in the complete list just as good, but I do not have room to describe them all, so I have chosen these to describe more fully. I am certain that among them you can find any style of peony you want, and I know they are all good ones for I grow them on my own grounds and have seen them in bloom. All are double and most of them are very fragrant.

Prices given are for good, strong plants of from 3 to 5 new eyes, either large divisions from old clumps, or complete plants of one growth from small divisions or cuttings. See below for prices on large clumps.

Pink Peonies

Brightness (Terry)—Pure deep pink tall, free bloomer ..... $ .50

Elegans—Out r leaves pink, center salmon color. Odd and beautiful ..... .25

Gen. Canby (Terry).—Outer petals deep rose, center light rose, tipped white and fringed. Blooms early .... .25

Jupiter (Terry). — Crimson and bright rose, very large and early. Fine. .25

La Couquette.—Bright rose with creamy center ..... .50

L'Esperance.—Soft, pale pink, slightly shaded with carmine. Very early and fragrant. Very large and a fine bloomer. Nearly always in bloom for Memorial Day. ..... .25

Mazie Terry (Terry).—Bright rose, tipped with white. Large flower, globlar, strong grower and free bloomer. One of the best. 1.00

Marie Honickman (Terry). — Very tall, dark pink. Handsome ..... .50

Parmentierre. — Light rose, free bloomer, fine ..... .50

Pauline.—Bright rose, fading to blush pink. Very fine ..... .50

Princess Ellen (Terry).—Bright rose tipe i white, very large, free bloomer, tall, fine 1.00

Reine Victoria.—Bright rose, perfect flower, strong grower ..... .25

Robert Burns.—Outer petals purplish rose, inside light rose, tipped white ..... .25

Stella (Terry).—Delicate rose with crimson center. Fine ..... .50

Terry's No. 4 (Terry). — Beautiful light rose, full globular flower, very large, center tipped white 1.00

Red Peonies

Carnation (Terry).—Bright crimson throughout, center finely fringed .... .25

Crimson Queen (Terry).—Solid Crimson, blooming in clusters, finely fringed, extra fine ..... .50

Ernet Hemming (Terry). — Bright crimson throughout, broad petals, free bloomer, tall, strong grower, very large flower ..... .50

Eureka (Terry).—Rosy crimson. A double decker or two story flower 1.00

Grace French (Terry).—Bright crimson, globular flower, compact bush ... .50

Grandiflora Rosea.—Tall deep crimson, blooms late. An old variety. .... .25

Grover Cleveland (Terry).—In my opinion the best one of Terry's wonderful reds. Deep glowing crimson. Very large flower, globular, and finely fringed. Just about perfect every way ... 1.50

Humeii Carnea.—Large flower, bright rose, strong grower, fragrant ..... .25

Lillie McGill (Terry).— Deep crimson, very large, strong grower and very free bloomer. Extra good. 1.00

Mars (Terry).—Deep blood red, very free bloomer, fine every way ..... .25

Pottsii.—Very dark crimson, semi-double, free bloomer, and very early .. .25

Rachel (Terry).—Another of Terry's wonderful deep reds, glowing crimson, full double and free blooming. Extra fine 1.00

Rhoda (Terry). — Beautiful light crimson, perfect form, free bloomer, very fine in every way 1.00

Rose Fragrans.—Very large, full double, perfect rose color. Has the color and fragrance of an American beauty rose. Strong grower, late ..... .25

May King.—The new, deep red, extra red. See full description elsewhere 1.00

White Peonies

(Including some which are blush white, light pink, or cream colored when first opening, but fading to white later.)

Emily Hoste.— Pure white, edged with crimson, very fine. ..... .50

Esther (Terry).—Considered by Mr. Terry as one of his finest, and named after his wife. Outer petals light rose, center finely fringed, cream tipped with light rose, very free bloomer. 1.00

Festiva Maxima.—The largest and probably the best white peony grown. Very large and double, rich fragrance, pure white with a little touch of scarlet on center petals. Hardy and sure to bloom anywhere. ..... .50

Floral Treasure.—Blush pink, shading to almost white, very fragrant and very large, often 7 inches across. ..... .50

Globosa.—Very large, globe-shaped, pure white. ..... .50

Iris Pleas.—Soft, light rose, tipped with white, full double. ..... .25

Miss Henninger (Terry).—Outer petals soft, light rose, center light cream, tipped white, fading to pure white. Extra good one. 1.00

Mrs. Douglas.—Pure white with a splash of crimson on center petals. Finely fringed. ..... .50

Mrs. Rudd (Terry).—Pure white or slightly cream, center finely fringed, very fine ..... .50

Magnifica.—Very large bloom, white with creamy center. ..... .25

Queen Emma (Terry).—Large, full double white, tinged with rose, making a very delicate silvery color, blooms very freely and very large. 1.00

Terry's No. 6 (Terry).—Full double, white with tinge of light rose, very fine. 1.00

Whittlevii.—A favorite pure white commercial variety. A sure bloomer . .25

Post Paid

These prices include delivery by parcels post, all charges prepaid. Remember this when comparing prices.

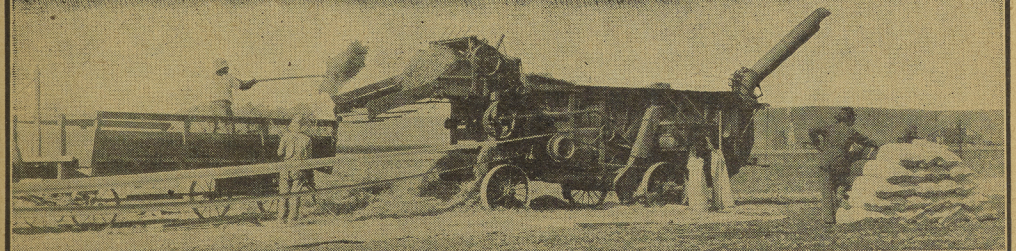
Special Offer

Double White.—Mixture of the best large, double white varieties. 20c each, 5 for $1.

Double Pink.—A collection of pink sorts ranging from a light shell pink to almost a crimson. 20c each, 6 for $1.00.

Double Red.—Various shades of deep red. 20c each, 6 for $1.00.

Mixed Double.—All colors. Hardly any two alike. 20c each, 3 for 50c, 6 for $1.00, 12 for $2.00.



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These prices will only hold good till Oct. 1st. 1917, and subject to stock being unsold. If you do not get your order made before that date write in for latest prices, as promptly on that date we will start filling orders at the prevailing prices, which will most certainly be higher on some items. HENRY FIELD SEED CO.

Clover *(60 lbs. per bu)*	*Per bu.*
Medium or Common Red	$14 00
Mammoth Red	14 50
Alsike	13 50
White	Per lb. 60c
Timothy *(45 lbs. per bu.*	
Home grown	4 00
Timothy and Clover Mixed *(45 lbs. per bu.)*	
Timothy-Alsike Mixture	4 50
Timothy-Red Clover Mixture	4 95
Timothy Mammoth Clover Mixture	4 95

Alfalfa *(60 lbs. per bu.)* All non-irrigated.	*Per lb.*
Kansas-Nebraska	.20
Dakota grown	23
Montana grown	.24
Grimm type (Dakota or Colorado grown)	.50
Baltic (Dakota grown)	50

Sweet Clover *(60 lbs. per bu)*	*Per lb*
White Biennial (Hulled and Scarified)	.23
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Orchard Grass	.25
Brome Grass	15

Blue Grass *(14 lbs. per bu.)*	*Per lb.*
Kentucky	.25
English	.20
Red Top, fancy solid seed	.20
Bermuda Grass	.50
Grass Seed Mixtures	*Per lb.*
Permanent Meadow Mix	.13
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Lawn Grass Mixture	.30
Timothy Alsike Mixture	.10
Timothy-Red Clover Mixture	.11
Timothy Mammoth Clover Mixture	11
Rye, Winter, per bu.	$3.00
Wheat, Winter (Ask for prices)	
	Per lb.
Sudan Grass	35
Rape Imported, Dwarf Essex Variety	15

Turnip Seed

Standard Varieties, per lb. 75c

Tobacco Dust . . . . . per lb. 10c. 12 lbs. for $1.00

These Are Wholesale Prices

Good for amounts of 10 pounds or over of a kind.
Add 2c per lb. for amounts of 5 to 10 pounds.
Add 5c per lb. for amounts below 5 pounds.

Unusual Shortage of Timothy and Clover Seed In Corn Belt

I don't suppose there has ever been a time in the history of Iowa when timothy and clover seed were so short a crop as now. Certainly not since I have been in the seed business, and that's quite some time now.

You know how it is around here. Well, its the same everywhere in the cornbelt so far as I can find out. I've been writing hundreds of letters lately to farmers all over the country who generally have seed to sell, and the replies are all the same. No seed—all winter killed—will have to ship in seed—grasshoppers killing the new seeding of clover—old seed all out of the country—local dealers asking $5.00 for timothy—etc., etc.

Fortunately for us and you who have to buy seed we saw this coming way last spring, early. Back in March we got a hunch that the clover and timothy and alfalfa were all killed out and commenced to quietly gather up seed. We took nothing but extra good seed, but we bought all that we could find of that kind. We had the money to pay cash, and we got the seed before the other fellows knew there was any danger of a shortage.

The result of it is that we now have a good supply of fancy clover and timothy and alfalfa seed, as staple as gold dollars, and bought at last year's prices.

Yes, it will make us some profit. That's why we bought it.

But just for the fun of it, we are going to divide the profit with you. We can sell below present values and still make profit enough. For instance Timothy is really worth now about $5.00 per bu. We are selling it at $4.00. Clover is worth $15.00 and we are selling at $14.00, ALFALFA at $12.00 a bushel, with a second grade at $8.00.

We will make a dollar a bushel all around and you'll save a dollar. That makes it pleasant for all.

Now I can't say how long these prices will last. My advice would be to buy now while you are sure of these prices. Even if you are not ready to use the seed, buy it, put it away, and forget it. You'll never buy it any cheaper nor any better seed. Any of it can be returned at any time if not entirely satisfactory.

But if you have to pay 7.00 for timothy and $18.00 for clover next spring don't say I didn't warn you in time. This seed will be all sold long before that and when I have to pay present prices for more seed I will sure charge more. Henry Field.

These prices, especially on clover seed, are subject to seed being unsold on receipt of your order. It's going fast already.

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Shall we fill exact amount ordered and adjust price later?.....Or shall we fill exactly the amount of money sent?.....If out of the variety ordered do we have your permission to substitute equal or better in the nearest we can supply?.....

Please Answer Above Information Each Time You Write

Your Money's Worth or Your Money Back—It is mutually agreed and understood that any seeds or other goods ordered of us may be returned at any time within ten days after receipt, if not satisfactory, and money paid for them will be refunded, but we do not and can not in any way warrant the stand or the crop, as they depend on so many conditions beyond our control.

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